

BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, May 15, 2017, for the purpose of reviewing the Green Ridge House section of the Proposed FY 2018 Budget.

Councilmember Pope started the meeting at 7:33 p.m. It was held in the Dining Room at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V.J. Putens and Rodney M. Roberts. Councilmember Judith F. Davis had a prior commitment and was unable to attend. Mayor Emmett V. Jordan was away on business and was unable to attend.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole Ard, City Manager; Joyce-Marrel Kolenky, Green Ridge House Service Coordinator; Christal Batey, Community Resource Advocate, and Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Administrative Assistant.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Steve Seh, Kim Potts and Patty Ramsburg of Community Realty Company.

Council reviewed the Green Ridge House section of the budget and Ms. Pope went through the accomplishments for FY 2017.

Ms. Pope asked why there was a delay on getting the Zipcar program back at Green Ridge House. Ms. Potts advised that Zipcar wanted a guarantee of 80% usage of the vehicle and the City couldn't guarantee that high usage. Mr. Roberts asked if the program was brought back, could anyone make reservations to use the vehicle. Ms. Potts stated anyone can use the vehicle.

A resident stated it's easier to use Uber or Lyft. There was a brief discussion on the fare and how easy it was to use the services.

In response to a question that was emailed by Ms. Davis, Mr. Seh explained after the mortgage is paid off, that the monies that were dedicated to the mortgage for Green Ridge House will be transferred to the Green Ridge House account at the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool. Mr. Putens advised the money is placed in reserves and used towards the maintenance of Green Ridge House.

A resident asked can a traffic camera be installed at the Green Ridge traffic light because cars do not stop there and the traffic light is not working. Ms. Potts advised that Public Works is looking into this matter.

Mr. Putens asked how many windows can be replaced for \$10,000. Ms. Potts answered about 15 windows were replaced; they are double sided installed, not tinted custom cut windows.

Mr. Seh and Ms. Potts then reviewed the proposed capital expenses planned for FY 2018 including; replacement windows as needed, elevator upgrades, and various common area renovations.

Ms. Pope stated the computer services went down for FY 18. Mr. Seh advised certain items were classified as computer services, i.e. software and upgrades.

Ms. Pope asked Ms. Potts about the last inspection Green Ridge House had with Real Estate Assessment Center. Ms. Potts explained that since Green Ridge House failed the last inspection, Green Ridge House can be re-inspected every six months.

Mr. Putens asked what the City can do about this situation. Ms. Potts and residents provided an overview of the inspection, and removal of furniture. Ms. Potts noted concerns regarding the inspector. Ms. Potts shared that a complaint had been filed with the reviewing agency. Ms. Ard advised a second inspection was performed by a third party and Green Ridge House passed.

Mr. Orleans asked and was provided answers to several questions

Council thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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